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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1647**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Keith E. Langley et al.) Group Art Unit: 1647
Application No.: 08/803,954) Examiner: Robert C. Hayes
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants now respond to the Final Office Action mailed May 20, 2003. Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration of all outstanding rejections.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

Attachments to this amendment include **the Declaration Under 37 C.F.R.**

§ 1.131 of Keith E. Langley, Yves A. DeClerck, and Thomas C. Boone with Exhibits 1-3 and a copy of the Final Decision in Interference No. 102,711.

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